

News Release

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Thanks to the Free Trees for Fall Planting program, an effort of the Nebraska Forest Service and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Filley, Nebraska received 10 free trees for the Filley Park Tree Planting project.

On September 23, 2020, kids, parents and members of the Village Board worked together to learn about trees and how to plant them. The Village of Filley wants to thank the Nebraska Forest Service, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and the Nebraska Environmental Trust for their generous donation. A big thank you also goes out to AJ Weiss, Orscheln's in Beatrice and the Lower Big Blue NRD for their support.



Despite providing a wide range of social, economic and environmental benefits, most Nebraska community forests have been in steady and sometimes dramatic decline. Many challenges contribute, including extreme weather, insects, disease and lack of diversity. The Emerald Ash borer is the latest major challenge added to the list.

In an effort to stop this decline and increase community forest resilience, the Free Trees program grants up to 10 high quality trees for tree-related educational events and community celebrations promoting trees and fall planting.

In addition to simply planting more trees, the program goals include increasing appreciation and awareness of the value of community forests in Nebraska. Special emphasis is placed on species diversity and higher impact projects, especially street tree planting and projects in neighborhoods of highest need.

Free Trees for Fall Planting is supported by the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum's Trees for Nebraska Towns Initiative funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust.